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(இ) அப்படியானல், அதன் விவரமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Especially in foreign countries like the U.S.A., electioneering is carried on just before the polling day and at least political leaders appear even on the Television. Such being the case, would the Government reconsider the possibility of at least allowing our top party leaders to use this Broadcasting System to propagate their ideas and convince the electorate as to why they should vote for their parties?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am afraid the hon. Member is putting the question in the wrong forum.

Loans to Private Electricity Companies

* 2079 Q.—SRI A. R. MARIMUTHU : கனம் மின்சார அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மின்சாரம் விநியோகம் செய்யும் தனிப்பட்ட கம்பெனிகளுக்கு 1960-61-ம் ஆண்டில் தனித்தனியாக எவ்வளவு கடன் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது ?

(இ) கடனைக் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட தொகையில் என்னென்ன வேலைகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்று உத்திரவிடப்பட்டது ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) Please see paper[a] placed on the table of the House.

Special Taxis for Hotels

* 2080 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to issue licences for special taxis for certain hotel-keepers; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) A statement[b] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Are instructions given to the taxi car drivers not to smoke while they are driving with the foreign tourists which is nauseating to them?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : If the hon. Member refers to the statement placed on the table of the House, he will find in it the conditions which will have to be observed.

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 549-550 infra.

b Printed as Appendix IV on pages 550-553 infra.

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Only after perusing the paper laid on the table of the House, I am putting this question. It is mentioned there that the behaviour should be decent. According to the standards of foreigners, decency does not mean prevention of smoking. But I have heard complaints from tourists that our taxi drivers who drive the tourist taxis keep on smoking which is nauseating to them. Would that be stopped?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It has not been brought to my notice but if there is any specific complaint and if the hon. Member writes to me about it, I will look into it.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know what steps the Government have taken for enforcing the wearing by drivers of uniform, viz., white trousers, white tunic, peak cap (white) and black shoes?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : These are not for all the drivers. These conditions apply only to the Madras City taxis numbering 19 which we have permitted, and I am sure all these people who own these taxis are adhering to these conditions.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Is the Hon. Minister aware that even in foreign countries taxi drivers do smoke when they take passengers?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : What the hon. Member, Sri Ramaswamy Mudaliyar has stated may be true but I find that the hon. Member, Sri Vinayakam, has some objection to the drivers smoking. There is some difficulty to enforce it strictly and say that none should smoke, particularly when passengers offer a cigarette to the driver.

Land Mortgage Banks for Ramanathapuram district

* 2081 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether the proposals for starting Land Mortgage Banks for Paramakudi and Mudukulathur taluks in Ramanathapuram district have been finalised?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Proposals for the organisation of a Land Mortgage Bank to serve the Paramakudi and the Mudukulathur taluks are under examination.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : இது அதிக காலமாக இருந்து 9-00 a.m.
கொண்டிருக்கிறது. செட்டில்மெண்ட் இண்ட்ரொட்யூஸ் செய்ய வேண்டும், அப்போதுதான் வைக்கப்படும் என்று முன்னால் சொன்னார்கள். இப்போது செட்டில்மெண்ட் முடிந்துவிட்டது. விவசாயிகளுக்கு சௌகரியமாக இருக்கும் ஸ்கீமாக இருப்பதால் இது எப்போது ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும், என்ன ஸ்திதியில் இருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Activities of the Land Mortgage Bank would be intensified further so that during the final year of the Third Plan period, most of the requirements would be met. So, under that approach I am sure, consideration will be quickened.